Holiday Lake

Wingfield cited at forestry camp

The 37th annual Virginia Forestry Camp was held June 22-27 at Holiday Lake, with a total of 87 students from across the Old Dominion in attendance, according to State Forester W. F. Custard.

Scholarships were awarded to youth between the ages of 14 and 18 who were judged to be the most deserving from the standpoint of activity and interest shown in sound forest conservation practices.

Robert J. "Bobby" Wingfield of Appomattox received one of these scholarships, according to Custard. Others from this area receiving scholarships were Franklin Dovel Eldridge, Robert Leon Hudgins, and Scott Wilson, all from Buckingham County.

Professional foresters from the pulp and paper industry and the Virginia Division of Forestry, and a wildlife biologist from the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries handled the instruction at camp. Courses taught included forest fire control, timber harvesting, wood technology, timber measuring and marketing, forest management, tree identification, forest insects and diseases, and wildlife management.

Camp counselors were agriculture education instructors provided through the State Department of Education.

Holiday Lake Camp is finance by Virginia pulpwood-using industries and managed by the Virginia Division of Forestry. Virginia industries supporting this year's camp include: Bear Island at Ashland, Chesapeake Corporation of Virginia at West Point; Continental Forest Industries at Hopewell; Georgia-Pacific at Emporia; Glatfelter Pulpwood Company at Fredericksburg; Owens-Illinois at Big Island; Union Camp Corporation of Franklin; U. S. Gypsum Company at Danville; Virginia Fibre Corporation at Amherst; Westvaco at Covington; and Weyerhaeuser at Chesapeake, Lynchburg and Richmond. Awards were provided by sporting goods companies.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT Bobby Wingfield is shown with instructor L. M. White at the 36th Annual Holiday Lake Forestry Camp.

Traffic decline noted

Traffic on Virginia's major highways declined 1.9 per cent in 1980, the second year since 1945 in which the trend was down instead of up, the state Department of Highways and Transportation said today.

Only in 1974, in the Mideast oil embargo, had the state previously recorded a decline in highway travel in the past 35 years. The 1974 decrease amounted to 2.5 per cent.

Ordinarily, traffic has increased between 5 and 6 per cent annually.

But last year, the department said, travel by passenger cars dropped 1 per cent and that by commercial trucks and buses was down 4.3 per cent, compared to 1979.

Traffic counts along over [illegible] of interstate, arterial, and primary highways, according to A. L. Thomas, Jr., the department's traffic and safety engineer.

Despite the decline, vehicles still traveled a whopping 57,381,000 miles on an average day on the three major road systems in 1980, the department said.

And that total traffic volume represented the third busiest year on record on the state's highways. Only in 1978 and 1979 was the average daily volume greater.

Last year's daily average was nearly three million travel miles higher than in 1977 and almost six million miles more than in 1976, the department said.

The study announced today reaffirmed the prominent role of interstate highways in Virginia's mobility. Interstate routes, with about 11 per cent of the road mileage studied, served 27.7 per cent of the traffic.

They accounted for 62.5 per cent of trailer-truck traffic and travel by passenger cars registered in other states. I-95, with 1.5 per cent of the mileage, served 17.3 per cent of trailer-truck traffic and 24.5 per cent of out-of-state passenger car travel.

The most heavily traveled section of highway in 1980 was I-95 between Springfield and the I-95/495 Capital Beltway in Northern Virginia, with an average of 139,550 vehicles daily.

Besides the interstate system, the arterial routes, with 18.5 per cent of the road mileage, carried 21.7 per cent of the traffic. The primary routes, representing 70.4 per cent of the mileage, served 40.6 per cent of the traffic, the department said.

Information developed in the annual traffic counts is used in allocating highway construction and improvement funds, and in planning future improvements. In addition, many private businesses use the information in planning new facilities.

Armstrong exec retires

L. E. "Pop" Foster, executive vice president of Thomasville Furniture Industries, has elected early retirement from the company, effective July 1.

He will retire with more than 41 years of service with Thomasville and its parent company Armstrong World Industries.

In addition to his position as executive vice president, Foster has served as general manager of the company's Armstrong Furniture Divison since 1973.

The Armstrong Furniture Division's manufacturing facility is at Appomattox, Va.

A native of Birmingham, Ala., Foster received his bachelor's degree in 1939 from Auburn (Ala.) University. While a student he was president of Omicron Delta Kappa scholastic honorary, president of Delta Sigma Pi, professional business fraternity, and a member of the varsity football team.

Following his graduation, Foster joined Armstrong in 1939 as a sales trainee in the Atlanta office.

He served five years in the Army and was discharged in 1945 with the rank of major, having served as assistant chief of staff of an infantry division. He was awarded two Bronze Star medals.

Upon returning to Armstrong, Foster served in a variety of assignments across a broad spectrum of Armstrong businesses. Prior to coming to Thomasville, he was serving as assistant general manager and director of marketing, International Operations.

In 1969, Foster was named senior vice president with Thomasville. He became executive vice president in 1973 and is a member of the Thomasville Furniture Industries Board of Directors.

"At Thomasville, 'Pop' has obviously made many significant contributions," said President L. E. Bish," and foremost among them has been his outstanding guidance of the Armstrong Division"--from an idea to the successful business it represents today.

"For this, and his many other accomplishments, we are indeed grateful."

Active in Thomasville civic affairs, Foster presently serves as president of the Thomasville Family YMCA. He has also held leadership positions with the Boys' Club.

His wife is the former Mary Louise Hastings of Saginaw, Mich. They will continue to reside in Thomasville.

"We wish 'Pop' and Mary Lou good health and much hapiness as they begin their well-deserved retirement," Bish said.

L. E. Foster

Preventing garden woes

If the home vegetable garden, which has taken so much labor, has a few problems, perhaps they can be diagnosed and prevented next year.

There are many possible causes and cures for the variety of problems that a home vegetable garden suffers, said Virginia Tech Extension specialist in home horticulture, Diane Relf. She listed some common problems and their solutions.

If the young plants are dying, it is possible they are suffering fertilizer burn. Next time, the gardener needs to be sure the fertilizer is mixed more evenly in the soil, or that less fertilizer is used.

Or the young plants may be dying from too much water. In this case, a possible solution is to apply any water in the morning. Then, if possible, select a well-drained garden site in the future.

Stunted plants that are pale or "yellowish" in color may be caused by a variety of problems. If it seems to be low soil fertility, add two or three pounds of fertilizer for every 100 square feet. If it seems to be poor soil drainage, add organic matter next fall when you plow the garden to improve drainage.

If the soil is shallow or compacted, plow deeper into the ground the next time and add organic matter. Insects or plant diseases may be causing the stunted growth, in which case, the gardener needs to identify the insect or disease and use currently recommended control measures.

If stunted plants show a "pruplish" color, other factors may be the culprits. Low temperatures will cause this. The only solution is to wait for warmer weather, said Ms. Relf, or to protect the plants from frost. If there hasn't been cold weather, then the problem may be lack of phosphorus in the soil and it should be added.

Wilting plants can be caused by either dry soil or excess water. If it has been dry, water the plants, and if it has been rainy, dig ditches to drain the surface water away from the plants, the specialist suggested.

If the plants are yellowing, in which case it is necessary to identify the cause and take the recommended action. For many vegetables, it is possible to get varieties that are resistant and these should be planted next season.

Weak, spindly plants can be caused by too much shade. The solution is to move the garden to a sunny location. Too much water also is a hazard, which can be remedied by digging ditches to drain the water. Or, the cause could be the plants are too close together and thinning the plants will help.

Too much nitrogen in the soil also will cause weak, spindly plants. The gardener should avoid additional nitrogen fertilization, said the member of Tech's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences faculty.

Holes in leaves most likely are caused by insects. A gardener needs to identify the insect and use the recommended control measures.

Spots, molds and darkened areas on leaves and stems can be caused by disease. After the disease is identified, recommended control measures may reduce further damage.

Consider planting resistant varieties for the next crop, the specialist said. The same kinds of symptoms can be caused by fertilizer burn. In this case the gardener needs to wash the plants if fertilizer comes in contact with leaves and plan to be careful in the future.

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Cancer funding questions raised

Some volunteers and staff are reporting a flurry of questions from the public regarding the relationship between the American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute which is currently the subject of oversight hearings by the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee led by Senator Orrin Hatch, (R-Utah).

Senate hearings opened June 2 amid news reports outlining the governments criticisms of NCI contract mismanagement.

The charges brought by General Accounting Office auditors indicate among other things that NCI has been beset by:

- poor surveillance of grants and contracts awarded to medical facilities
- poor cost analysis
- a tendency to rush contracts through at the end of the fiscal year
- abuse of the peer review programs
- premature leaks of sensitive budget information to trade press and medical facilities that hold cancer institute contracts.

The American Cancer Society Position

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As the nation's largest private voluntary health agency in the cancer field, the ACS policy is to accept no government funds [including grants from NCI] for any programs of cancer research, education, or service to patients and rehabilitation.

From Dr. Edward F. Scanlon, president of the American Cancer Society comes this statement: "The ACS is aware of the criticisms of contract management leveled against the government's National Cancer Institute. It believes that these criticisms should be thoroughly and openly investigated. If they prove in the long run to be based in fact, corrective steps should be taken. As we have testified in the past (ACS testifies yearly on behalf of NCI budget funding) we urge that NCI be permitted to fill the requisite number of management positions needed to administer and monitor substantial annual increases in research dollars and widened program responsibilites. The ACS believes it is in the public's interest to balance criticisms and imputed deficiencies in the administration of the government's National Cancer Institute against the very real life-saving progress made under this agency's direction and the firm foundation for future progress laid down during the first decade of the National Cancer Act."

The audit of NCI contracting practices by HEW (now HHS) Inspector General, originally conducted in 1978 and followed up two years later, has turned up little if any new information or deficiences not already aired thoroughly by the GAO and HHS Inspector General.

The hearing did elicit statements from representatives of both the GAO and IG that NCI has implemented most of their recommendations and is making "noteworthy progress" in establishing strong contract management operations.

The hearing also demonstrated that neither Hatch nor Senator Paula Hawkins (R-Fla), who heads the committee's Investigations and General Oversight Subcommittee, were above stretching some points and ignoring others in attempts to gain media attention.

Hatch staff distributed prepared testimony prior to the hearings which lead to nationwide publication of stories about "fraud, waste, mismanagement" in the cancer program. Few reporters noticed that the incidents were from old investigations rehashed in Hatch's statement or that the IG prepared testimony ended with the comment that NCI had significantly improved its procedures.

Hawkins distributed a news release which said that she was "outraged by evidence showing that NCI awarded a contract to a researcher known to have falsified data" while doing clinical research at Boston University for the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group supported by an NIC grant. The researcher, forced to resign, later competed successfully for an NCI grant for $910,000 to support a laboratory research project. The researcher vigorously denies the charges and has not been formally charged of falsifying data. He may have the basis for a libel suit, not only against Hawkins but possibly against the newspapers which may make a similar statements.

Neither Vincent DeVita, director of NCI for the past 16 months, nor his staff will contend that the audits found a perfect system.

Direct further inquiries or questions about ACS and NCI to the Division Office of Public Information.

Benefit tourney set

The Campbell County Unit of the American Cancer Society is sponsoring a round robin/single elimination softball tournament on July 18 and 19 to be held at Yellow Branch Elementary School.

Entry Forms may be obtained through the district office of the American Cancer Society at 845-0973. Entry fee is $65.00 per team with four games guaranteed.

Trophies will be awarded to bracket winners and first, second and third place overall with a most valuable player award also presented.

All proceeds from this tournament will go to the Campbell County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

R. B.MOORE was elected State Vice President of the Woodmen of the World at the State Convention held recently at the Hotel John Marshall in Richmond. Moore will be visiting Woodmen units throughout the State promoting the Fraternal programs of the WOW. He is very active in local Camp 71 in Appomattox where he has seerved in various capacities.

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'Role of church' to be discussed

Rev. Willie Davis, Dr. Edward Hindson, and Dr. John Killinger will address "the appropriate role of the church in today's society" in a public forum at CVCC on August 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 2123.

Rev. Davis, minister of Fairview Christian Church, Dr. Hindson, Director of Counseling at Liberty Baptist College and teacher of a large adult Sunday School class at Thomas Road Baptist Church, and Dr. Killinger, minister of First Presbyterian Church and, formerly, a faculty member of the Vanderbilt University Divinity School, will each represent a historical position on the topic. Questions from the audience will be welcome.

The public forum, open to the public, is a part of the course, "Religion and Society," being offered at CVCC this summer, beginning June 16.

The course in the sociology of religion will focus mainly on fundamentalist Christianity and, as a case study, on Thomas Road Baptist Church. Guest leaders for some of the class sessions will be Drs. William Goodman and James Price, authors of **Jerry Falwell: An Unauthroized Profile;** Ms. Julie Hairston, discussing Thomas Road Baptist Chuch and the media; and Dr. Hindson, presenting the multiple ministries of the Church.

Inquiries about the public forum or the course should be directed to Mr. Robert Seward at CVCC.

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